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Identical letters dated 11 July 2017 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, and further to previous letters from the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council regarding the repeated aggressions the forces of the Turkish regime have committed against the sovereignty and territory of Syria, I should like to convey to you the following information:

On 1 July 2017, the army of the Turkish regime deployed its forces all along the border inside Syrian territory north of the Afrin area. The Turkish regime's army also brought in new pickup trucks equipped with machine guns and a number of new vehicles that have never before been seen in Syrian territory. The Turkish regime forces distributed those vehicles to armed terrorist organizations that are active in the area, including the Nusrah Front, Free Police, Ahrar al-Sham and Turkish Police terrorist organizations. Those vehicles are to be used in an attack against the Afrin area that will be led by the Nusrah Front terrorist organization (QDe.137).

One day earlier, on 30 June 2017, armed terrorist groups warned the people of Dana town and surrounding villages in the Idlib countryside that, as agreed with Turkey, they must empty the town and surrounding villages of civilians, with a view to ensuring the security of a military base that the Turkish regime will build in the Jabal Sim'an area for the purpose of cutting off the road to the Idlib countryside. Reports and assurances are circulating among armed terrorist groups supported by the Turkish regime that the regime considers the security of Idlib governorate to be essential to the security of Turkey.

Meanwhile, it has been reported that the presence of Turkish regime forces in the area has led to a dispute and a rift between the Nur al-Din al-Zanki Battalions and Levant Liberation Organization terrorist groups.

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I should be grateful if these identical letters could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 108, and of the Security Council.

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